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Harry E. Jackson  
Deputy Secretary of State  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Jackson:

The supervisors of the checklist of Stratham, New Hampshire, may not require every person, regardless of whether the person's name is now entered on the checklist, to appear at a meeting of the supervisors to register anew in order to continue to be eligible to vote as suggested in letter received by you requesting information as to whether this may be done.

R.L., c. 32, s. 16, provides that all persons whose names are entered upon the existing checklist as previously certified and filed with the town clerk are deemed to be the legal voters in the town.

To require persons already properly listed to come before the supervisors as suggested is equivalent to striking out the names of known legal voters contrary to R.L., c. 32, s. 12.

Correction of checklists is required to be made by the supervisors upon satisfactory evidence and is accomplished by examination of evidence in individual cases and thereafter striking out from or inserting individual names on the existing list in proper sessions. Wholesale disenfranchisement of voters may not be adopted for convenience. Verification of the checklist may be made as provided in c. 188, Laws of 1947.

Very truly yours,

George F. Nelson  
Assistant Attorney General

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